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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8432

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PDIP, CH, US, MA

SUBJECT: DEATH OF PRC CHAIRMAN MAO

REF: STATE 223128

1. PRC EMBASSY HERE OPENED CONDOLENCE BOOK FOR EIGHT DAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10. WHEN CHARGE AND ECON/ COMMERCIAL OFFICER VISITED PRC EMBASSY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 10 TO SIGN BOOK, APPROXIMATELY 18 CHINESE EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WERE FILING INTO GROUND FLOOR RECEPTION AREA WHERE AMBASSADOR, HIS WIFE, AND OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF WERE LINED UP TO ACCEPT CONDOLENCES. SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING SPEAKER LEADING CEREMONY, SOBBED DURING BRIEF CEREMONY. LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 12, LOUD SHORTWAVE RADIO NOISES COULD BE HEARD EMANATING FROM PRC EMBASSY. (PRC EMBASSY AND QUARTERS ARE HOUSED IN LARGE FORMER HOTEL OVERLOOKING US AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.L

2. LEADING MADAGASCAR DAILY, MADAGASCAR MATIN, HEADLINED MAO'S DEATH A.M. SEPTEMBER 10 AND DEVOTED ABOUT ONE- QUARTER OF SEPTEMBER 11 EDITION TO TEXT AND PHOTOS CONCERNING HIS DEATH AND OBSERVANCES IN MADAGASCAR. SEPTEMBER 13 EDITION CONTINUES TO CARRY STORY, INCLUDING OFFICIAL GDRM AND CSR (SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL) DELEGATION'S CONDOLENCE CALL AT
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PRC EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 11. DELEGATION WAS LED BY CSR

MEMBER ARSENE RATSIFEHERA, PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN RAKOTONIAINA,
AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR CHARLES RAFOAJOAJANAHARY, AND
INCLUDED MOST MEMBERS OF CSR AND CABINET. GOVERNMENT HAS
CALLED FOR ALL MADAGASCAR FLAGS TO BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF
FOR THREE DAYS. .MOST BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS OWNED BY
ETHNIC CHINESE IN TANANARIVE ARE FLYING PRC FLAGS.SHEINBAUM

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